MONTEREY NEWS

FEBRUARY 1992

TOWN NEWS

The Selectmen have been working on the implementation of the 911 Emergency Response System, approved at the special town meeting in November. The town's police and fire departments have reported that the emergency tone testing from Great Barrington was unsatisfactory. The testing did not follow the announced schedule. Further, during the tests, a tone was heard, but no voice instructions were received.

New England Telephone asked the Board to name a contact person for the 911 system. The Selectmen have decided that they will take on that responsibility.

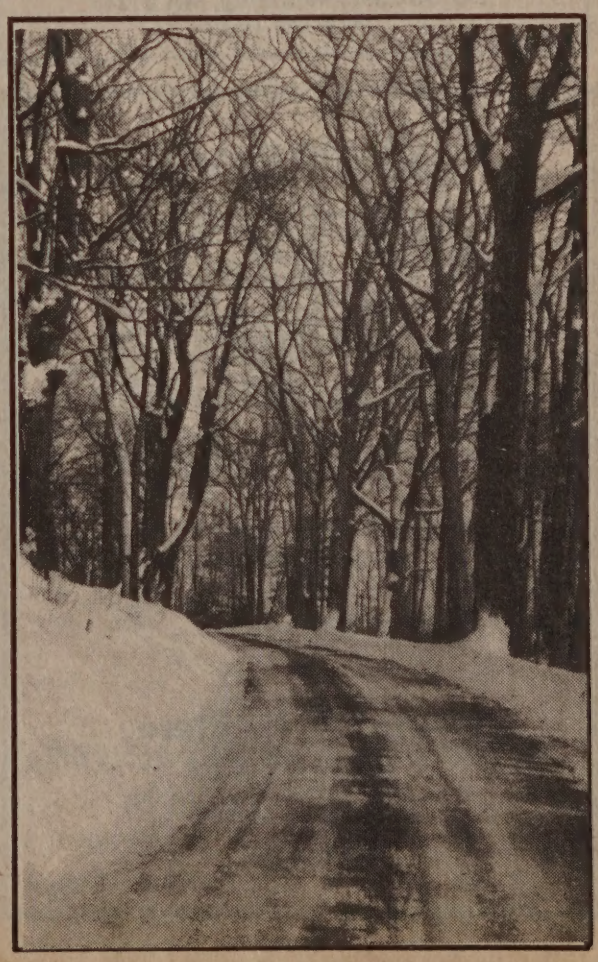
In a related matter, the house numbering project that will be executed by Cynthia Weber as a necessary component of the enhanced 911 system will have previously unexpected benefits for the Board of Assessors and the Planning Board. In the course of the house numbering project, all town maps will be updated, with copies given to the Board of Assessors and the Planning Board. The updated, accurate maps will greatly facilitate their work.

In accordance with the bylaw passed at the November special town meeting, the Selectmen have made available alarm system permits. New permit applications have been sent to alarm system owners. The permit package consists of a cover letter, the application form, and a copy of the alarm system bylaw.

The Board met with Highway Superintendent Don Amstead to discuss winter road maintenance and review sand and salt supplies. Mr. Amstead also reported that he has contacted the Monterey Water Company and Tryon Construction Company about their pipe replacement project on Sandisfield Road. He has informed them that Sandisfield Road is scheduled to be paved in the spring, and their construction project must be completed before the paving can begin.

Wayne Burkhart, Chairman of the Planning Board, met with the Selectmen to clarify the stream and pond protection section of the zoning bylaws. Mr. Burkhart said that the bylaw was not intended to restrict additions to existing dwellings in the affected zones.

Mr. Burkhart also reported to the Selectmen on the Planning Board's work on the bylaw initiative to



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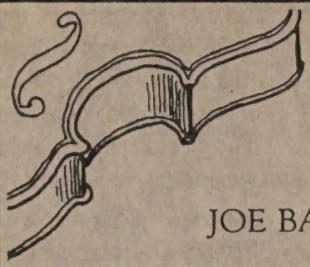

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allow for the rental of private premises for social functions. The Planning Board has been discussing a number of issues, including noise, parking, and setback and density considerations.

The Planning Board has voted to change their meeting time to 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. In the past, the meetings have started at 8:00 p.m.

Monterey Library Trustees, Anne Marie Makuc and Eileen Clawson, met with the Selectmen to report on the dangerous situation existing at the dam behind the library building. The fence has been thrown into the river on two occasions, and in its present condition and location, it is extremely dangerous. The Board agreed to have the fence removed immediately and replaced with a metal railing.

The following renewal licenses were issued to Maynard Forbes for the operation of the Monterey General Store: (1) Retail Package Goods Store for the sale of all alcoholic beverages; (2) General Business Permit for the sale of groceries, etc., Lord's Day victualer; (3) Board of Health Permit to Operate a Food Service Establishment.

The following Board of Health permits were issued: (1) Permit to Operate a Food Service Establishment (renewal), to New England Keswick, in care of Richard Haapanen; (2) Permit to Operate Recreational Camps, Overnight Camps or Cabins (renewal), to New England Keswick, in care of Richard Haapanen; (3) Disposal Works Installer's Permit (renewal), to R.W. Tryon Construction, in care of Leigh Tryon.

The following Board of Selectmen permit was issued: Earth Removal Permit (renewal), to R.W. Tryon Construction, in care of Leigh Tryon.

The following building permit applications were approved: David Feinberg, to raise the roof of his Hupi Road house to allow for the addition of a bedroom and studio; Matt Williams for the construction of a storage shed at his Pixley Road property. (Mr. Williams absented himself from the Board for the purpose of applying for this permit.)

— Maggie Leonard

CHURCH NEWS

When the curtain rises on the eighth bi-annual Jazz Yatra Festival this month in New Delhi, India, the Berkshires' own Critical Theory will be on stage. One of only four American jazz groups invited to this prestigious international jazz event, Critical Theory will share the spotlight with such renowned artists as Cedar Walton, Billy Higgins, Henry Threadgil and the New Orleans Classic Jazz Orchestra.

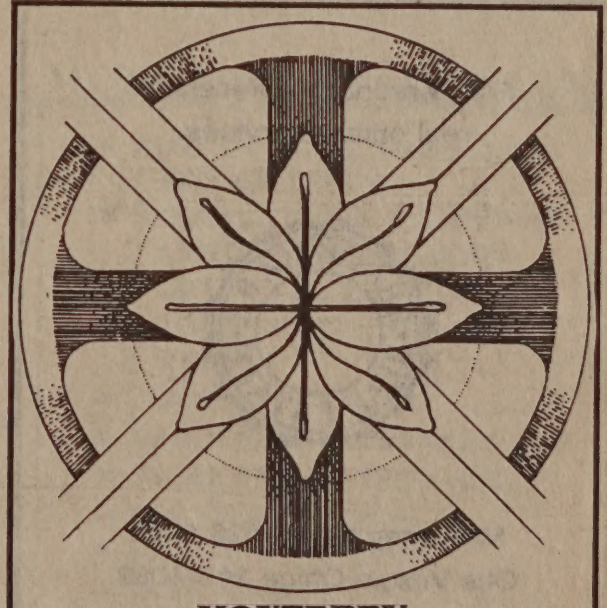
Critical Theory is a quintet comprised of pianist and founder Christopher Bakriges of Great Barrington, violinist and vocalist Betty MacDonald of Woodstock, New York, bassist Ram Miles of Cornwall, Connecticut, drummer Mark McKay of Albany, and Monterey's own Cliff Aerie.

As most of you know, Cliff is the pastor of the Monterey Church. His background in the performing arts enables him to approach ministry in a creative way. "Ministry is not just something that happens only on Sunday morning," says Cliff. "It's a way of living and celebrating what it means to be a child of God. My goal is to help everyone understand that since we are created in the image of God, we are blessed with the ability to be creative. Imagine what the world would be like if each of us really understood that we are co-creators with God. Wow, the implications are staggering!"

And how about Critical Theory? How does being a jazz musician tie into ministry? "Life is improvisational," says Cliff. "From the moment we get up in the morning, we are improvising on the great theme of life. Every thought, every word, every action becomes a song, a dance, a painting, a poem in our personal scenarios. Jazz Musicians live and breathe improvisation on a deeper level of awareness than most people. What is very exciting is that jazz has become a universal language. Our band plays original compositions that offer a creative melodic dialect with a unique world music emphasis. It's amazing. People who have no experience or interest in jazz walk away from our concerts with a new appreciation for this art form."

Critical Theory is no stranger to international travel. Last winter, the group completed a highly successful tour of Istanbul, Turkey. Members of the group have shared their music in the Soviet Union, China, Pakistan, Turkey and the Netherlands. "Our music is inspired by the diversity of cultures, ideas and traditions," Cliff continues. "The world has become a global village, and the improvisational, story-telling nature of jazz enables us to weave poetry wherever we perform. Our goal is not only to entertain our audiences, but to inspire them. We hope to come back from India inspired ourselves to create new music we can share with others."

Critical Theory will return home to perform at the Vernal Equinox Celebration on March 20. The concert will be held at the church. It will be a special opportunity to welcome back these international travelers and listen to their story of musical inspiration. Reservations can be made by calling 528-5850. And if you have an interest in jazz and the arts, give Cliff a call. He'd love to tell you about the artistic emphasis birthing in the Monterey Church.



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THIRD ANNUAL TREE BURNING

With a single match, Selectman Matt Williams ignited the annual Christmas tree bonfire of Saturday evening, January 11 at Greene Park. It was a beautiful sight, as the flames roared upward, causing some *oohs* and *aahs* from the spectators, as if it was a Fourth of July spectacle.

Karl Finger did the honors with music, fingers on freezing guitar strings. He created original verses to *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* and led the group around the fire in singing Christmas carols and folk tunes, ending with *Silent Night.*

The bonfire was preceded by an elegant spread of homemade cookies contributed by Muriel Lazzarini, Ann Moulton, Ann Higgins, Jane Bohn, Cherie Williams and Georgiana O'Connell. Hot chocolate and cider were also served.

Nine families in town were represented. This was not a large gathering for such an enjoyable occasion. We plan to hold a Fourth Annual Tree Burning celebration next year in January. However, if it does not receive more community support, it will be discontinued.

COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

The monthly Monterey community dinner was held on January 8 in the church basement. As usual, there was a delicious array of potluck dishes from which to choose. The program was a very engaging presentation by Katya Ostachkova, a Russian ceramicist. Katya has recently moved to the United States, and she has been working with Richard Bennett at the Great Barrington Pottery. Ursula Velonis assisted with translation when needed.

Katya gave a "guided tour" of the Russian city of Gzhel, which is dedicated to the manufacture of ceramics. She answered questions about her own experiences as well as the changes that have taken place in Russia in recent months. Katya surprised the children in attendance with gifts of lovely pictures she had painted. Katya's warmth and good will were an inspiration to all.

The next community dinner will be held on February 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. It's potluck, so please bring something to share!

— Angie Sherrard

MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

As part of our series of exhibits of Monterey artists, the trustees have invited potter Michael Marcus to exhibit his work beginning February 1.

Michael has been a potter for 22 years. He spent four years in Japan studying wood-fired glazed and unglazed ware as an apprentice to Toyoba Seiya. In 1983, he built a 45-foot-long *Bizen* climbing kiln here in Monterey. Fired once a year, this kiln holds 1500 pieces. Last year, Michael showed his work at Shoboji Zen Temple in New York City. In the fall of 1992, he will have a one-man show in Nagoya, Japan. His studio/gallery, Joyous Spring Pottery, is located on Art School Road.

The Monterey Library will offer two evenings of free movies in February. Each program will begin at 7:30 p.m., with a short, to be followed by a feature film suitable for the whole family. Popcorn and apple juice will be available at nominal cost.

One February 1, the feature will be *The Lady Vanishes*, one of Alfred Hitchcock's most admired early films. The movie is a great blend of comedy and suspense and stars Margaret Lockwood, Michael Redgrave and Dame May Whitty as passengers on a European train.

On February 8, the feature will be *Shane*, the classic western starring Alan Ladd.

MASSRECYCLE AND CET WORKSHOP

MassRecycle and the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) will sponsor a workshop on *Garbage Today and Tomorrow*. The workshop will be held at the Morningside Community School in Pittsfield on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Principal speakers will be Michael King, Director of Solid Waste Management for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and Peter Karter, President of Resource Recovery Systems, operators of the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). The workshop is free and open to the public.

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MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

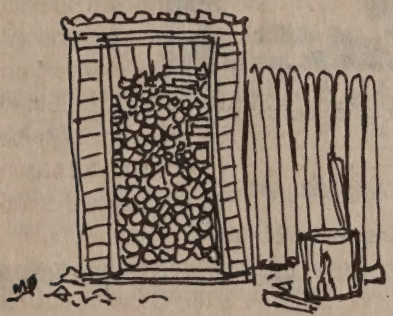
Monterey Grange #291 met on January 15 for an enjoyable program of Pirate Bingo, in charge of Richard Hardisty. Deputy Peter Martin was presented with a needlepoint carrier for his sash, on behalf of the Grange, in appreciation for all his help.

Worthy Master Tillie Butler and Lecturer Mary Wallace recently attended Youth Night at Stockbridge Grange #295, where Sister Butler acted as Chaplain.

Plans are under way for a public card party to benefit the bus for the elderly.

The next meeting will be February 19. The theme of the program will be Lovers and Presidents.

— Mary Wallace



MONTEREY ROUND TABLE NEWS

The Monterey Round Table met at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen on January 15. The goal of this group is to build a sense of community through dealing with personal and/or community issues. This is a group "of the people" in which everyone in Monterey is welcome and invited to participate.

We have been exploring ideas about the needs of Monterey. In the course of our discussions, we learned that the Planning Board has been asking many of the same questions in the hope of putting together a plan for the town. The Round Table will talk with the Planning Board about the feasibility of helping with their project.

Regardless of what plans emerge for the future, we want *your* input. Please come to our next meeting, at 7:30 p.m. on February 19, at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen (located at the corner of Beartown Road and Hupi Road).

— Angie Sherrard

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OUR TOWN
Reminiscing at Budget Time

Organizations and their budgets have always been interesting to me. Up in Michigan, I used to go with my dad to all the farmers' annual meetings. There was a breeding co-op, a milk testing association, the Jordan Valley Cooperative Creamery and several farm supply co-ops — the kind of small, local organizations which helped to make our country great.

At the Cheboygan Co-op annual meeting, there were door prizes (a deep-fat fryer, a fuel filter for the farm pump, a pair of Tingley boots) and refreshments, but I was almost as fascinated by the budget and operating statements. I would pore over the elementary math of the balance sheet — how the feed mill, delivery truck and inventory on the asset side happened to add up exactly to the same dollar figure as the bills owed and the total owed to patrons (they called the shareholding farmers patrons then) on the liability side. The manager explained that if the co-op were to be sold that very year, my dad would get his share, exactly $635.54.

Farmers asked a lot of questions at those old annual meetings. Some of the questions were sharp and critical, some showed a lack of understanding of the co-op's problems. But the managers and directors of the co-op were right there, eating donuts and drinking milk and coffee with me and my dad. They even put their names in the hat for the door prize. Everyone got a chance to ask the questions and got at least some kind of answer about finance and policy, and we learned something about running our own organizations. Come to think about it, maybe that's why the chant of the next decade, *Power to the People!*, always left me unmoved. I have always thought that there were some very good ways to keep power in the hands of the People by supporting small and independent enterprises.

We have lost too many small businesses and cooperative economic ventures in this country. In Vermont, the Cabot Creamery is in the process of being sold. Cabot has been a vertically integrated (receiving, processing and marketing) farmers' cooperative for some 400 dairy farmer members, but the Springfield Bank for Cooperatives has declared Cabot's debt load too high for continued support.

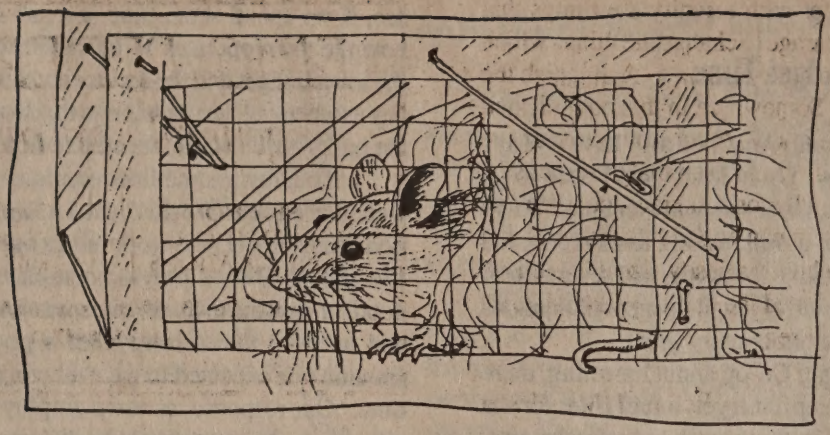
Town government is almost like these organizations I've been talking about. It is close to us. We can talk to it each week at the selectmen's meeting, or every spring at the annual town meeting. We can see, if we spend some time and ask some questions, how the town operates — the link between our taxes, the town budget and the services which affect us every day as we travel the roads, or go to school, to the library, the parks or the waste transfer station.

If our town sometimes seems a bit old fashioned, well, that's good. We don't need a form for everything. Sometimes it's best to work things out as they happen. We should always provide complete responses and good service, but there are some services and provisions and answers that a town with a population of 805 shouldn't be expected to have all worked out ahead of time. Our response, as town employees of as fellow citizens, to an issue should be, "Come on down to the board meeting and we'll check it out," or "Let's get it on the warrant for town meeting."

We have heard a lot from the "experts" about the "economies of scale," and sometimes there is a point to be made that some of the things we like must be done by large organizations. If you like to travel on a 747, I guess it takes a big company to build it. But I believe that we are only beginning to understand some of the powerful losses we suffer when we think only about the economies of scale. I still think that we can do a bit better by doing a lot of our own business as a town.

So we can be glad for our smallish town with its budget of "only" $1.3 million (fiscal year 1990), and we can be involved in making sure it keeps listening to us. People are working on the 1993 budget right now. Next month, I'll write a bit about how some of those numbers are shaping up. Just for starters, on the income side, the fiscal 1992 property tax rate is 6.5 mil s, or $6.50 per $1000 of valuation. We'll check some expenses next time.

— Wayne Burkhart



BEING RESPONSIBLE ABOUT MICE

In our house, we teach the kids responsibility every chance we get. It is a broad concept, so we go in the back door with it, rather than starting off with definitions. When I think of its definition, I remember a wildly popular class in the education department of my college, in the late '60s, where we all wrote in our notebooks: "Responsible = response + able." We went in the front door every time back then, and although it looks simple to me now, from here, I remember it didn't seem simple at the time.

When I say we now go in the back door on responsibility, I just mean we don't mention its name too much. We teach by example.

Take our mice, for instance. We have a population of deermice in and around our house and outbuildings. Sometimes we surprise one or more in the grain barrel, and these we rescue. At night we see them now and them in our windowsill bird feeder, having a nocturnal snack, and these we admire. From time to time, we find pieces of them, under my desk or on the bedroom rug, left by cats who are not fussy, but draw the line at eating the stomach of a mouse (this is not meat, but a package of seeds or salad, chewed up). These we clean up.

In the root cellar, we used to find deermice living happily in our baskets of potatoes and carrots. Now we keep the root cellar vegetables in cages. This might seem a little backwards, but it is so easy to catch a potato, and they do not bite.

We also find mice in the house cellar, where we keep winter squash and apples at the foot of the stairs, and these we trap. They nibble on our stored food and crap all over it. We don't mind the nibbling so much, figuring their teeth are probably pretty clean, but we don't like the other thing, so we keep a trap handy.

A lot of people use the old snap trap as a response to mice, but both Joe and I were small mammal biologists in our former lives, so we still have a few box traps and the urge to trap and release. We also share an aesthetic appreciation of the Live Deermouse and like to get one in our clutches now and then so we can love it close up.

After we have loved it for a couple of hours, maybe through morning chores and breakfast time, we take it for a short drive to the cemetery. Here there is a historic stone wall full of nooks, niches, crannies and chinks. It is also full of our deportees, mice that left our place full of buttercup squash and golden russet apples. When we let them go, we give them a parting snack, carefully arranged in some rocky doorway, and maybe some bedding, too. We have bits of wool around from recent spinning projects, and it eases our consciences some to stick a little in the wall after the deermouse we have just kicked out of our house.

Just before Christmas, there was a sidebar in the Sunday *New York Times* magazine on this business of releasing mice. The author claims these mice are so dependent on our larder that they will never make it in the wild. I'm not so sure. For one thing, he is speaking of the house mouse, a different genus from the deermouse we deport. For another, I have to wonder where is the research to support his contention that a released mouse will "...either head for a nearby house, be eaten, or freeze or starve to death in the woods." Maybe times have changed, but when I was a professional mouse trapper, there wasn't any research money lying around for follow-up studies of personal adjustment to relocation on the part of the individual mouse, either house or deer.

Well, anyway, we just have to do the best we can. I recently encountered for the first time the famous serenity prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr. It says, "God,

give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other." Somewhere in this complicated request, there may be a key to the front door of the question of responsibility, and even that of response + ability. Until I find it, I'll work on grace, courage and wisdom in the mouse-human experiential interface. I would also add to Niebuhr's already sizeable request, that I eventually be granted the ability to articulate all these things to my children.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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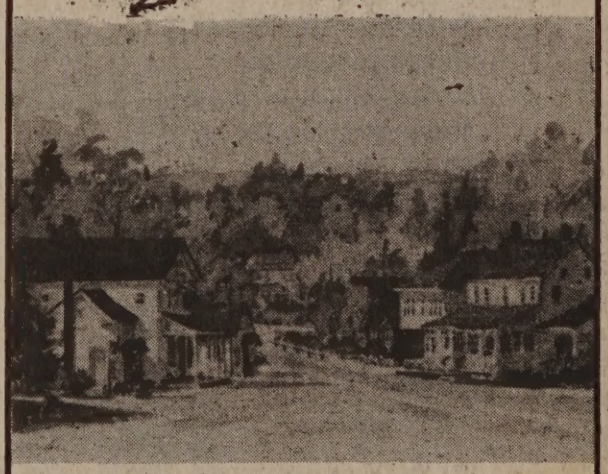

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WATER RITES

Golden glowing giants
rolling in the sun
Approach from ocean depths
I cannot imagine.
Momentarily, each rises straight
in the wind,
White hair streaming behind,
Then thunders against the sand—
A final war cry.

I am standing—
watching,
shaking,
Listening to their call,
Longing for the dance.
But the beach holds me
At water's edge.

And the waves keep marching
Their thunder song calling
As water flows around my feet
my ankles
my knees
my chest.
...the chanting, singing...
I am swallowed,
Sucked from my sure footing,
Thrown and tumbled,
Lovingly beaten and broken.
My bones are crushed,
My face rasped clean,
My skin dissolving in wave action.

I am bleeding,
And my blood is clear,
It flows like water
It is salty
It is Golden.

And a voice
Echoes from unknown depths:
Come Little Brother,
It is time for us to dance.

— Bill Meier

THOUGHTS ON A WINTER MORNING

I yearn for the dawn of springtime
When the apple buds unfold,
And the first song of the bluebird
Brings a happiness untold;
When the robin sings at daybreak
And the sun casts its warm rays
And my heart is filled with longing
For the joyous springtime days.

— Eleanor Kimberley

EXPLANATION

It is quite all right that I
Should have traffic with the angels.
Shame upon you, three-fold fie!
If you rise up to deny
That my visitants are angels;
Scorn upon you if you cry
"Who is she to shelter angels?"
I am one who did not die
When the storm struck. That is why
I have such a right to angels
It is written in the sky.

— Margery Mansfield

FOOTSTEPS

I thought the way was straight again —
this could not be.
Nothing is ever straight, it seems
unless we see
The pathway of another,
find the means
To tell of newfound secrets
through the trees.
I thought I'd put you from me —
aeons ago,
Today I followed footsteps
through the snow
And memories came tumbling out
on wintry air
To find each crevice of my heart
quite bare — quite bare.

— Sue Moody

THE GIFT

Ah, neighbor, neighbor,
Do you recall?
You telephones me
Sometime last fall.
"A ruffed grouse has flown
your way.
Get to the window
right away."
And there he was,
Flown from you to me.
What a gift!
Of hospitality.
I was utterly charmed!
Country life at its best.
An aura of magic.
All life had more zest.
Ah, neighbor, neighbor
Do you recall?

— Nancy Adams

Bison and calf

WAITING SNOW: CONNECTICUT

At Saybrook the dune's gray grass bends
Landward. The town's last willow leaf is down,
And a white spire broods the hour.

Up country among the deliberate hills of Cornwall
The torches of tamarack gold have guttered
And fallen, needles strewn on the marsh.
The rivers are lidded with ice _
Black paths for gull or star they are —
And in the sinuous valleys their unseen waters
Lip the secret shores beneath.
Darkly they slink among stones, truckle and slide
Seaward in their narrow lanes,
Purling under agate roofs no matter
When the snow comes whispering
Or the black bell tolls in the steeple.

— Harold Corbin
(from *Counting: II*)

ENIGMA

My first is in night, but not in noon.
My second in clouds, not in the moon.
My third is in ice when the weather's cold.
My next is in children, not in the old.
My fifth is in laughter, not in joke.
My last is in letter, and also in note.
What am I?

Find the letters that spell the answer.

— Eleanor Kimberley

Answer on page 18

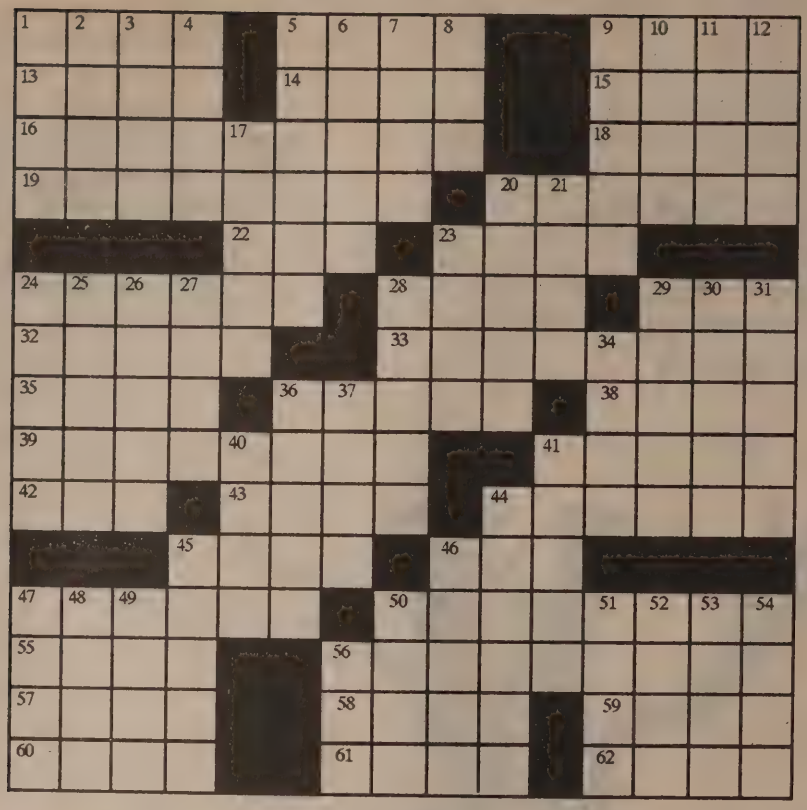
Mind crazing, spine bending,
the fear instilled as if in
the throat of an unknown beast,
its expression hollow and gnawing.
I've been scared.

The smell of cooked meat on
the filament burner,
an old Beatles' song
scratches away inside this cabin.
I sit lone and scared.

— Ted Ziner

DOWN AND OUT

By Ted Tchack



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WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY
Marge and Gerry McMahon

For the past three years, Marge and Gerry McMahon have been a genial and outgoing presence in the Monterey church and community. Marge is a deacon of the church, and Gerry is chairman of the Council on Aging. The Council keeps an information table in the town hall, and, with the help of the Visiting Nurses Association, offers a blood pressure clinic, flu shots and health consultations.

The McMahons came originally from New Jersey and Long Island. Gerry went to New Jersey schools and then Rutgers, where he majored in business. Marge went to private schools on Long Island, then studied the Montessori method and started the Valley Day Nursery School in Lynbrook. Gerry's nephew was a pupil at the school, and Gerry and Marge met at a school party.

The McMahons hadn't been married long when World War II began. Gerry was in the army for nearly four years. At first, he was stationed on Staten Island, and they were able to live in a New York apartment. Then, Gerry was sent to Wales, where he helped expedite the shipment of supplies from the United States. Marge went to live with friends in Darien, Connecticut, and loved the area. When Gerry was demobilized and came home to meet his infant daughter, the family settled in Darien, where they remained for the next 23 years.

Gerry worked in the research laboratories of American Cyanimide in Stamford, where he helped to develop the catalytic converter for General Motors. The environment (and all of us) can be grateful to him for the conversion of carbon monoxide to harmless carbon dioxide on a very large scale.

Marge was kept busy raising their daughter, Donna and their son, Randall. She also developed an interest in antiques, and worked part time in an antiques shop.

Donna McMahon Ellingson now lives in Atlanta, where she works for the Georgia Trial Lawyers' Association. She has recently returned from Prague, where she helped set up a similar organization. Randall McMahon is now a special education teacher in Willimantic, Connecticut.

With the children launched, Gerry retired from engineering and helped Marge open her own antique shop, The Consignor. They moved to Orleans, Massachusetts and operated the shop with great success for twelve years. During that time, they watched with dismay as the Cape grew more and more commercialized and overcrowded, and they began to yearn for country quiet and real retirement. A weekend with relatives in Copake brought them to the Berkshires, and they began a search for just the right combination of charm and liveliness that they knew must be here. They had a rental in Stockbridge, a house in Sheffield (where they met the Aeries), a cottage in Great Barrington, and finally they arrived in Monterey. "It's a small town," says Marge, "but not small-minded!"

Marge and Gerry live in the spacious Hebert apartment in downtown Monterey, with their gorgeous longhaired tabby cat, Chessie. Gerry is engaged in another longtime interest with Marge — the making and collecting of miniatures. Marge makes tiny Shaker settees, which she sells to other enthusiasts to decorate as they please. They've sold one fully furnished miniature house and are now planning to get a large one and start all over again with the whole engrossing process of discovery and installation. Another miniature which the whole town shares with the McMahons is the flowerbox garden in front of the church. Henry Schick (their upstairs neighbor) built the box, and Gerry furnishes it with a seasonal round of evergreens and blooming plants.

It is their many interests as well as their good nature that make the McMahons such a refreshing and lively couple to know.

— David P. McAllester

ON THE ROAD AGAIN
California — The Golden State

In the saddle for eighteen hours! Whew! Through the outskirts of Sacramento, through Stockton, all the way down the teeming I-5 to Los Banos. It was dark. I was giddy from driving, so I took what I thought was a shortcut. Route 152 was only 42 miles, but it was a winding 42 miles over the Pacheco Pass down into Gilroy. After two hours, I didn't care whether Gilroy was the Garlic Center of the World or not.

I finally found my park. Showered at 1:00 a.m. I was tired to the point of dying, but took out my Stanford University information. The school's 100th birthday and my reunion, 25 miles away, would that at 8:30 this morning!

Exactly at 8:30, I went through Palo Alto into Stanford. I showed my card and was ushered into a parking lot. I parked alongside two other campers, under a eucalyptus tree, put on red and white, pinned on my Stanford centennial pass, hopped on my bike and went forth (like I did so long ago).

I spent five glorious days there, attending classes on everything from Life and Death in a Garden to Rodin Sculptures at Stanford to the Future of Security in the Asian-Pacific Region. We had three convocation speakers: Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, President of Mexico and Pete Wilson, Governor of California.

I found my way across the United States, but I couldn't find my way around Stanford. It has changed so much, a big, big place, We had a reunion dinner and dance, saw Stanford whip Colorado in football, a tailgate lunch before the game, a family picnic, a world dinner served under a tent (African, Latin American, Asian, Mediterranean and Native American food), a film festival, three different plays, concerts, modern and traditional dancing, Gilbert and Sullivan, and the Stadium Spectacular, with Ted Koppel, Whoopi Goldberg and Joan Baez. It was too much! I guess that on your 100th birthday, you go all out.

I went back to my park in Morgan City, back to normal things like doing my laundry and vacuuming my camper. I visited Stanford friends in their homes. Northern California is lovely — Los Gatos, in the tall trees of the foothills of the mountains that go all the way down the California coast, to Aptos, then Monterey, both on the sea side of the mountains, with fog until noon. A minor problem with my camper, so while it was being fixed, I rented a little car and went to visit friends in the Berkeley Hills. Explored San Francisco, a fascinating city. Some streets were so steep I feared my little car wouldn't make it. It's a good thing they don't have ice!

After two weeks, I moved south about 35 miles to another Thousand Trails Park, in Paicanio, near Hollister, way out in the middle of vineyards. The days were hot and the swimming was great, but at night I used my small heater. Into Hollister for two new tires and repair of the generator. Always something!

On October 17, I left to travel down the coast. Got a bad cold, the first in fifteen years. (I know the smog contributed.) Stopped at Paso Robles for gas. The attendant said, haughtily, "No camper parks here." Went on to Morro Beach, found a Hot Springs Park ($17 a night — ouch, then another $4 to go in the hot springs). The next day, I stopped at Anderson's for some of their delicious pea soup. The ocean views were spectacular!

Finally, I came into the bumper-to-bumper San Fernando Valley and found, in Woodland Hills, the Lautrec Restaurant. Waiting for me there were my old friend (the maid of honor at my wedding) and her husband. I was late, raced in dressed in shorts and halter, said I had arrived, please excuse me, raced back to the camper, walked and fed the animals, put on a dress and earrings and walked serenely back. The food was delicious, but we talked more than we ate.

After dinner, I went up into the high desert to Acton, to another Thousand Trails Park. Four days of rest, swimming and seeing friends. Then down, down again, through Pearblossom, with grotesque and beautiful Joshua trees lining the roadway. From 5000 feet down to 4000, fierce fog, round and round down the mountains, at 3000 feet, heavy rain, another 1000 to San Bernardino — smog, smog, smog! All this in 50 miles. After a long lunch with another old friend, I went on to Palm Springs and (you guessed it) another Thousand Trails.

Over 100 degrees here. I went in the pool, of course. The next twelve days were lovely: dinners and dances in the park, looking through the outrageous stores. It's exciting there. The desert goes right up to the huge mountains: Down here, palm and orange trees, up there, snow. A friend showed me the houses of Dinah Shore, Bob Hope, Liberace and Jim and Tammy Bakker.

Took a side trip to the Salton Sea. The sea used to come all the way up to Palm Springs. What's left is a gigantic lake. It shimmers in the sun, but you know it's salt-dead. No life anywhere. The only relief is the

distant mountains. In California, there are always mountains!

On the lake is Niland. Up to 500 campers spend the winter there. I was there for three months once, with my camping club, Loners on Wheels. I paid $5 for the whole winter. For that, I got my mail delivered every day and my garbage taken away. I stayed the night with a host of Loners. They all have TV, microwaves run by their sun panels. It's hot in the daytime and so dry, only 38% humidity (you have to smear on cream three times a day). But at 4:00 p.m., when the sun goes down, you run to your camper for a coat.

On the way back to Palm Springs, I was stopped at a roadblock. They questioned me to determine if I had illegal immigrants in my camper, or drugs.

Up to Death Valley for the annual 49ers Festival and a Loners on Wheels rally. On the way, I stayed the night in a parking lot in Baker, population 390. Next door was The Mad Greek restaurant, open 24 hours. The menu offered buffalo burgers, Greek specialties and Mexican food. The room was blue and white, decorated with hanging baskets of carnations and European round ball lights. It was sheer delight. I ate all night.

Entered Death Valley at sunrise. Awesome! This land of little rain and sparse vegetation has been sculpted by the forces of geology and time. You feel infinitesimal (like when you stand by the sea). The wind-blown sand dunes, water-worn mountains, a wide variety of desolate beauty.

I squeezed into a site as someone pulled out. Hundreds and hundreds of campers parked around Furnace Creek. I had happy hours with old LOW friends, a lapidary show, violin contest, sunrise breakfast with a sing-along, art show, packing a pack animal demonstration, cowboy poetry, music and stories at poolside, a trip to the fabulous Scotty's Castle.

As I started back south, I stopped at the ghost town of Death Valley Junction, where there is an opera house. There, the internationally renowned Marta Becket dances on weekends.

It was time to leave California. I crossed from the Golden State into the Silver State — Nevada.

— Joan Reed

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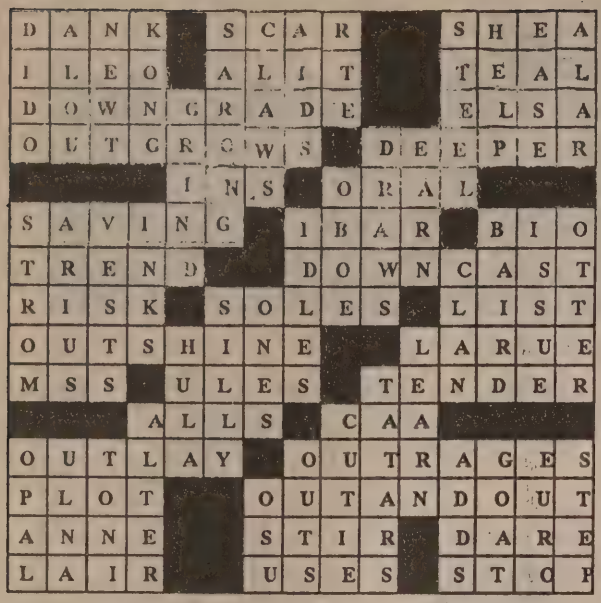

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ARTHUR H. BARNUM

Arthur H. "Poke" Barnum, 80, of Route 23 died December 22, 1991 at home.

He was born in Great Barrington on October 10, 1911, son of Arthur and Clara Heath Barnum. He was educated in Monterey schools.

Mr. Barnum was a horse trainer, and had last been employed by Cassilla Farms in New Marlboro. He made his home in Monterey until moving to East Otis seven years ago.

He leaves a son, Rufus G. Barnum of Lisbon, New York, and two grandchildren.

Sometime in the 1950's, Eleanor Kimberley took this picture of her family's 1928 Chevrolet dump truck. Bob Kimberley is cranking up the body to dump , while Ron Kimberley waits in the cab.

MARTIN S. WING

Martin S. Wing, 82, of Standish, Maine, died December 26, 1991 at a Portland, Maine nursing home. He was a summer resident of Monterey from 1923 to 1987, maintaining a home on Eaton Road. Before moving to Maine in 1986, he had been a resident of Pennington, New Jersey for 38 years.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York on November 26, 1909, son of Arthur Kyle and Jennie Selkregg Wing. He was a graduate of The George School in Newton, Pennsylvania, the Pratt Institute and the Yale School of Architecture.

Mr. Wing served as a lieutenant, junior grade in the Naval Reserve during World War II.

He worked primarily in the Trenton and Princeton, New Jersey areas. He spent almost all of his professional life in association with the Homasote Company of Trenton, where he was an executive and architectural consultant. One of the many buildings he designed is the Pitman, New Jersey library. He also designed and built his own home in Monterey.

Mr. Wing was a former member and Ruling Elder of Titusville, New Jersey Presbyterian Church and an associate member of the United Church of Christ in Monterey. He was a former member of the Lions Club in New Jersey.

He leaves his wife, the former Kathryn Schultz, whom he married on August 30, 1941; two daughters, Mrs. Hannah W. Hall of Racine, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Prudence S. Wing of West Buxton, Maine; a brother, Kyle Wing of Lenox and Monterey, and three grandchildren.

A service was conducted January 2 at West Gorham (Maine) Union Church by the Rev. Lloyd Hall, his son-in-law, and the Rev. Gary Rundle.

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DIANE S. RAUSCH

Mrs. Diane S. Rausch, 48, of Hupi Woods Circle died January 15 at home.

She was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 7, 1944, daughter of the late Sam and Belle Schecter. She graduated from the former Rockland (New York) State Hospital School of Nursing.

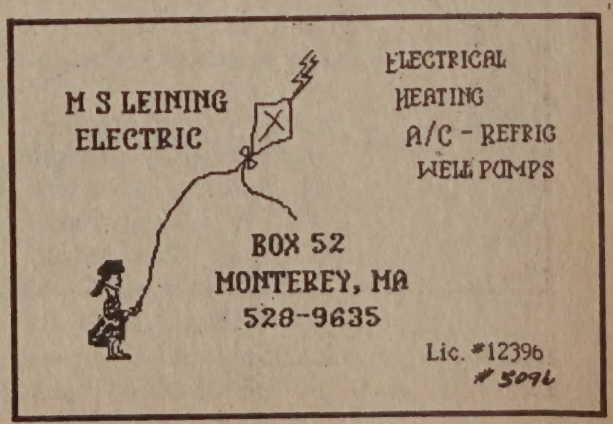
A registered nurse, Mrs. Rausch was employed for fifteen years as head of the outpatient clinic at New York Hospital. She moved to Monterey in 1982, and was most recently employed by the Lee Visiting Nurse Association.

She was a member of Ahavath Sholom Congregation in Great Barrington, a board member of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society and rehabilitation coordinator of the Reach for Recovery program. She was also a member of Y-Me of the Berkshires and CanSurvive.

A caring nurse, Mrs. Rausch loved working with the elderly and was a consultant to the Council on Aging. She also enjoyed cooking and reading, clipping sayings and verses from books and periodicals and placing them throughout her home.

She leaves her husband, Robert Rausch, whom she married on April 17, 1983; and two brothers, Edward Schecter of Valley Stream, new York, and Robert Schecter of Plainview, New York.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lee Visiting Nurse Association or to Ahavath Sholom Synagogue through Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home in Great Barrington.



PERSONAL NOTES

Hearty congratulations to **Hannah Pedersen** and **Jeff Moran**, who became engaged on New Year's Eve. The wedding is set for September 12. Hannah is the daughter of **Alf** and **Lena Pedersen** of Main Road.

Lois Ryder of Main Road will be exhibiting her art work in the arts and crafts section of the Hartford Flower Show to be held at the Hartford Civic Center from February 27 through March 1.

Hats off to **Rachel Rodgers**, who is the recipient of the Berkshire County Scholar award. What an honor! Only one is given to a county student in grades 9-12, and the award includes a full scholarship for tuition at Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield. Rachel, a sophomore this year, was named to the effort honor roll for the fall semester.

And, welcome back to the entire **Rodgers** family. **Bud, Cathy, Rachel** and **Ian** have returned after spending three weeks, including the Christmas and New Year's holidays, in Vero and Palm Beach, Florida. The Rodgers are avid skiers, (Ian is in the racing program at Butternut) and it was a little strange for them to be on the beach instead of the slopes, but they say the weather was fantastic, and they seem to have adjusted!

Congratulations to **Kirsten Westenburg** and **Don Barnhorst** on their engagement. Kirsten, daughter of **Richard Westenburg** of Eaton Road, graduated from Harvard Business School in June, and is presently employed in Minneapolis with General Mills. Don is a medical student at Georgetown University.

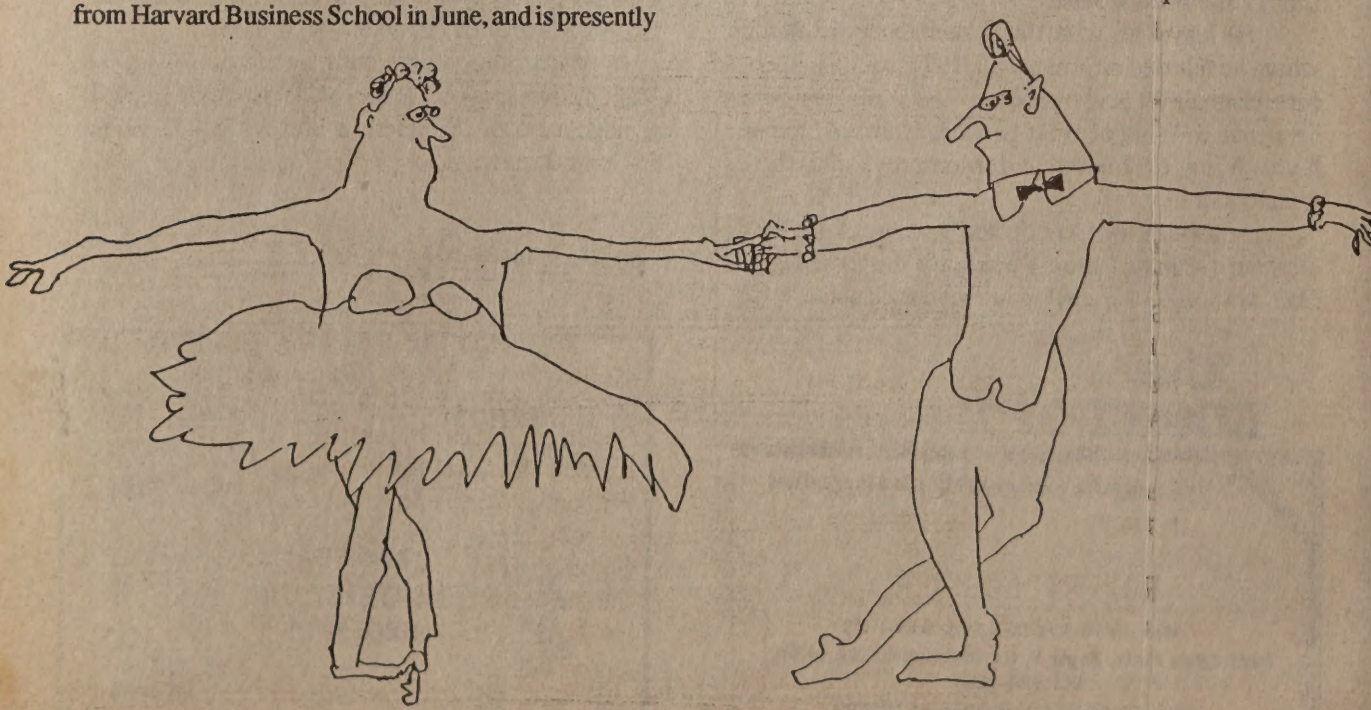
Last March, **Richard Westenburg** was interviewed on *CBS This Morning* and conducted his singers in music by Bach. On Christmas Day, he led his singers once again on NBC's *Today* show. Hoping some of you saw the shows. We must try to get this in *before* the fact next time!

Happy Birthday wishes to **Gige O'Connell** on February 1, to **Mark Makuc** on February 2, to **John Mulroy** on February 6, to **Mike Mielke, Jr.** on February 7, to **Claude "Tim" Burke** on February 9, to **Jack Jefferson, Lanny Lanoue** and **Lindsey Newman** on February 14, to **Dave Gauthier** on February 15, to **Maryellen Brown** on February 16, to **Kimberly Gero** on February 18, to **Rachel Rodgers** (Happy 16th) on February 20, to **Maggie Clawson** on February 22, to **Mark Amstead** on February 26, to **Paul Makuc** and **Morgan Schick** on February 27, and to the Leap Year Kid, **Shaen O'Connor** on February 29.

And, Happy Anniversary wishes to **Gerry** and **Marge McMahon** on February 7 (their 50th!), and to **Don** and **Pat Amstead** on February 27.

Any news you'd like to share? Birthdays? Please jot your items down and drop them in the mail to me, just Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519. Your contributions are most welcome and appreciated!

— Stephanie Grotz



CALENDAR

Saturday, February 1 — Free movies at the Monterey Library. The feature will be *The Lady Vanishes*. Refreshments available. 7:30 p.m. in the library basement.

Tuesday, February 4 — Prayer Breakfast at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen. 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 8 — Free movies at the Monterey Library. The feature will be *Shane*. Refreshments available. 7:30 p.m. in the library basement.

Saturday, February 8 — SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults $4, children $1 to dance until intermission. Information: 528-9385.

Wednesday, February 12 — Community Dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Thursday, February 13 — Friends of Silence meditation at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen. 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 15 — BENEFIT SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 7:30-11:30 p.m. All proceeds to benefit the Barrington Ballet School. Beginners and children welcome. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Irish dancing, songs and other entertainment at intermission, home-made refreshments. Adults $10, children $5. Information: 528-9385.

Tuesday, February 18 — Free Blood Pressure clinic. 9:00-10:30 a.m., downstairs at the town hall.

Wednesday, February 19 — Monterey Round Table meeting at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 22 — SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE. New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have some square or contra dance experience. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission $4. Information: 528-9385.

Wednesday, February 26 — Garbage Today and Tomorrow, a workshop sponsored by MassRecycle and the Center for Ecological Technology. 7:00 p.m. at the Morningside Community School in Pittsfield. For more information, see MassRecycle and CET Workshop elsewhere in this issue.

Friday, February 28 — Monterey Ski Day at Butternut. Rates will be reduced to $23 for Monterey skiers. There will be refreshments served at the upper lodge at 3:30.

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